GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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WORKS CARRIED OUT BY NICD
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works carried out at the National level by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD);

(b) whether NICD has its branches at the State-level;

(c) if so, whether the NICD is unable to respond immediately to the crisis situations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the funds provided to NICD during the year 2002-2003 and the current year; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to review the role of NICD?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) performs the following functions:-

- To advise Government on issues related to control of communicable diseases in the country.
- To initiate enquiries and undertake investigations on communicable diseases.
- To assist the State health authorities in undertaking field investigations and providing them with technical assistance, wherever necessary.

- To undertake operational research on various aspects related to prevention and control of communicable diseases.

- To advise upon and assist in carrying out various interventions for control of communicable diseases and to scientifically evaluate them.

(b) NICD has eight branches in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The funds allocated to NICD during 2002-03 and the current year are as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2002-03	19.50	9.47	28.97
2003-04	10.40	9.45	19.85

(f) Since NICD is performing its duties well, there is no proposal to review its functioning.However, certain plan schemes are envisaged during the Tenth Plan to further strengthen the activities of the Institute.